

Washington, D.C. 20505

Intelligence Community Staff

August 30, 1978
DCI/IC-78-0056

MEMORANDUM FOR: Fred Hitz, Legislative Counsel to the DCI

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FROM:

[REDACTED]
Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

SUBJECT:

Legislative liaison support for the RMS

1. I believe you are aware that in anticipation of Congressional approval of our FY 78 reprogramming action, I am in the process of making a number of organizational changes. I had hoped to have a chance to discuss one of these changes with you, but your vacation and my travel plans prevented our getting together this week.

2. In conjunction with the establishment of the Resource Management Staff, I anticipate creating a Community and Legislative Liaison Office. The staff of this office will include a congressional liaison officer who will report both to the Director of the office and to you—the DCI's Legislative Counsel. The officer will have responsibilities for monitoring congressional action on the NFIP, for arranging RMS and CIS presentations to Congress, and for maintaining full coordination with your office.

3. The congressional liaison function to be performed by this office is in part an outgrowth of discussions regarding the provision of congressional liaison support for the Resource Management Staff which began early this year. My plan to establish a Community and Legislative Liaison Office differs from the product of those discussions only in that the congressional liaison officer will report to the office director and to you rather than function independently under the Deputy Director for Resource Management. In this regard, I propose that the annual fitness report for the congressional liaison officer be reviewed jointly by you and me.

4. With your concurrence, I propose to assign [REDACTED] to the position of congressional liaison officer in the Community and Legislative Liaison Office. Tom's White House Fellowship terminates August 31. To prevent a lapse in his clearances, I will pick him up on the Intelligence Community permanent cadre in a special assistant billet pending further discussion with you regarding this assignment and congressional approval of the FY 1978 reprogramming request.

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5. [redacted] background would appear to suit him well for this position. As a White House Fellow, he has had a chance to gain a broad exposure to the Washington political scene. In addition, during a year as special assistant to the DCI, he has developed contacts throughout the CIA and the Community. This Washington experience, coupled with five years of practicing law with a large Wall Street firm, should well equip him to provide congressional liaison for the Resource Management Staff. As an additional benefit, Tom's position as a member of the Resource Management Staff permanent cadre will give him the independence which Congress considers to be necessary for the occupant of this position.



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FROM : [REDACTED]
Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

SUBJECT : Legislative Liaison Support for the RMS

ACTION REQUESTED : Concurrence with Assignment

ACTION TAKEN :

OFFICES OF RECORD : RMS and OLC

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